(b) what encouragement and concessions are in the offing of Government to export Software from the area of Civil, Mechanical and technical designs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Sofaware has been identified as one of the thrust items of export. Steps taken by Government to promote software export include *inter-alia,* exemption from income tax on software export earnings, liberalisation in the import of computer systems for software exports at concessional rotes of import duty under the Capital Goods Export Promotion Scheme, setting up of software technology parks in India under a scheme of Department of Electronics, conducting market surveys, buyer-seller meets, contact promotion programmes and seminars.

(b) Encouragement and concessions are given to the entire software industry irrespective of their area of specialisations.

Organisation of a Fair in U.S.A. by T.F.A.I.

683. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trade Fair Authority of India has organised a Heim-textil America Fair at Atlanta, USA from April 6 to 9, 1992;

(b) if so, what is the number of the In dian firms which participated in that fair ; and

(c) what is the amount of the business fetched by Indian firms in the said fair ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) Trade Fair Authority of India (now India Trade Promotion Organisation) organised a group participation of Indian firms at the Heim-textil America Fair at Atlanta, USA and 21 Indian firms participated in the fair.

(c) On the basis of the reports furnish ed by the participants, the value of business flnaiised was Rs. 1 crore and business under negotiation was Rs. 13.28 crores.

मोटे अनाज का निर्यात

684. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1990-91 और 1991-92 के वर्षों के दौरान निर्यात किये गये मोटे अनाज का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इसके परिणामस्वरूप कितनी अतिरिक्त विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई; और

(ग) 1992-93 के वर्ष के लिये ऐसे मोटे अनाज के निर्यात का क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1990-91 और अप्रैल, '91 से जनवरी, '92 के दौरान मोटे अनाजों का निर्यात नीचे दिया गया है :-

	1990-91	1991-92 (अप्रैल, '91 जनवरी '92)
मात्रा (एमटी)	7310	9256
मूल्य (लाख रुपया)	277	432

स्रोत—डी जी सी आई एण्ड एस कलकत्ता

(ग) वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान मोटे अनाजों के निर्यात का कोई निश्चित् लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किया गया है ।

उद्योगों पर आधारित कृषि और इसके सहायक उत्पादों को अपने उत्पाद स्वदेशी बाजार में बेचने की अनुमति

685. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने कि कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में कृषि और इसके सहायक उत्पादों पर आधारित उद्योगों को अपने उत्पाद का 50 प्रतिशत उत्पादन निर्यात प्रसंस्करण जोन और निर्यातोन्मुखी एककों के अन्तर्गत स्वदेशी बाजार में बेचने की अनुमति प्रदान की गयी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इससे देश में आम आदमी तथा किसानों को किस तरह से लाभ पहुंचेगा ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इन उद्योगों को स्वदेशी बाजार में अपने उत्पाद बेचने की अनुमति देने से देश के अन्य उद्योगों द्वारा भी स्वदेश में अपना उत्पाद बेचने के लिए छूट प्राप्त करने की मांग उठाये जाने की संभावना है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो यदि सरकार उन अन्य उद्योगों के प्रति अन्यथा रूप अपनाती है तो उसका क्या औचित्य होगा ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Unviable 100 per cent EOU

686. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number and details of units or establishments which have become sick or unviable amongst the 100 per cent EOU licenced, so far ;

(b) what was the main or the predominant reason for their failure ;

(c) what remedial measures have been taken by Government to rehabilitate them ; and

(d) what are the remedies for the financial institution and banks which have financed such EOUs and are now in a dilemma ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Revamping with Market Development Assistance Scheme

687. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to revamp Market Development Assistance Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal under the consideration of Government to revamp the Marketing Development Assistance scheme. The present scheme under which assistance is given for undertaking various export promotion activities is considered adequate.

Export Commitments of F.C.V. Tobacco

688. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the export commitment of F.C.V. tobacco, country-wise; and

(b) what is the mode of invoicing i.e. whether in the hard currency or in Rupee payment ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) While Government is not having any export commitments for FCV tobacco, certain provisions exist in the Trade Plans with some East European countries, which are only enabling provisions. Presently trade with Czechoslovakia and Romania is in non-convertible Indian Rupees. Some exports in non-convertible Indian Rupees are also. permitted for Poland against liquidation of Rupee balances. In the case of Russia, contracts are to be denominated in international currencies and payment made in Indian Rupees.